

## Fox, Susan

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**From:** Votefellows [votefellows@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** Fox, Susan  
**Subject:** Commissioner of Political Practices

Candidate Selection Committee  
c/o Legislative Services Division  
PO Box 201706  
Helena MT 59620-1706

December 3, 2010

Dear Ms Fox,

This is a letter to submit my name into nomination for the Commissioner of Political Practices. I do have experience in the area of politics, both on a state level and national level. We need a Commissioner who is not a Democrat or Republican. As a Libertarian, I certainly would fit that category.

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I want to thank the committee for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Fellows

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From: Votefellows [votefellows@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 5:06 PM  
To: Fox, Susan  
Subject: Re: Commissioner of Political Practices  
Attachments: resume 2.txt

Here are the questions and answers.

1. Are you familiar with restrictions Montana law imposes upon the activities of an individual holding the office of COPP? **Members of the Committee yes I'm familiar with 13-37-108.**
2. What is your legal writing experience? **Members of the committee My legal writing experience involvement has been to consult with others of more experience, just as legislators give their bill draft idea's to the legislative services to be written. Legal writing is a format and I've been editor of several publications.**
3. Have you ever been party to a complaint filed with the COPP? **Members of the committee, no I haven't.**
4. What is your current or past involvement with either the campaign of a candidate or a ballot initiative? **Members of the committee, I have been a candidate on the state level, having run for the state legislature and the Secretary of State's office. I have also been a treasurer for a few state level and legislative candidates.**
5. Have you been affiliated with a political party or political action committee? If yes, how will this affiliation affect your ability to render impartial decisions on complaints filed against candidates, PACs, and ballot initiatives? **Members of the committee, I have been a member of the Libertarian Party for some time. Since I've never been a member of the Democratic or Republican parties I feel I can render impartial decisions based on fact.**
6. What is your opinion of the current candidate contribution limits? **Members of the committee, challenger candidates need to get their message out to voters and that takes money. People say there is too much money in politics, but I would favor an increase in the contribution limits. Those increases at the very minimum could be tied to inflation.**
7. Have you or a family member been involved in the legislative process as a lobbyist? **Members of the committee, I have been a citizen lobbyist, but never a paid lobbyist.**

8. In your opinion, do further regulations or restrictions need to be placed on lobbyists' activities? **Members of the committee, I think we have enough laws. As long as we have transparency we should be fine.**

Mike Fellows

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Susan <sfox@mt.gov>  
To: 'Votefellows' <votefellows@aol.com>  
Sent: Sat, Dec 4, 2010 9:54 am  
Subject: RE: Commissioner of Political Practices

This email is to confirm receipt of your letter of interest. Thank you for your letter of interest for the position of Commissioner of Political Practices. The selection committee would like you to respond to the following questions and send a resume by December 6. The selection committee will meet sometime the week of December 6. I will get that information to you as soon as I can. Thanks for your interest, Susan

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